UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 4-14-64

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

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During a conversation on 4-13-64 Mr. J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission asked Inspector Malley whether the FBI had contacted all informants for information concerning any connections that Oswald may have had with the Communist Party (CP). Mr. Rankin stated that Chief Justice Warren had raised this question to Rankin and had indicated that he would like a specific response from the FBI.

By teletype to all offices under the caption "Assassination of President John F. Kennedy" dated 11-22-63 the Bureau instructed that informants be contacted for information bearing on the assassination of President Kennedy. It is likely that many of the informants when contacted were questioned for information they could furnish regarding Oswald inasmuch as Oswald was the principal suspect and incarcerated late on 11-22-63. However, it is believed desirable at this time to contact all informants with specific reference to knowledge concerning any connections of Oswald with the CP. We have at this time throughout the field 1089 security informants and 341 potential security informants. While it will entail considerable effort, it is believed essential to make these contacts so that we may respond to the Commission's query.

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ACTION:

There is attached for approval an airtel to Albany with two copies to all field offices with appropriate instructions for expedite handling of this matter. In view of the considerable investigation concerning Oswald conducted by Legal Attache, Mexico City, he is also being instructed to respond to the inquiry.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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1 - Mr. Lenihan
1 - Mr. Rose

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